

Board of Commissioners  
November 5, 2007 – 8:50 am

Meeting called to order by President Rininger. Commissioners Rininger, Logsdon, Gogel, and Board Attorney Lueken were present.

Bid Process

Lueken explained the different options legally available to the county when purchasing equipment. Logsdon made a motion to table the topic for further discussion and research. Gogel seconded. All in favor. An administrative meeting was set for November 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm, prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Minutes

9/28/2007: Change Logsdon to Lueken on page 2; 10/16/2007: Change Mariah Hill to the interchange at I-64; 10/16/2007 Executive Session: Logsdon made a motion to approve as amended. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Claims

Logsdon made a motion to approve all claims. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Direct Deposit

Shelton presented the draft of the forms and the proposed resolution for direct deposit. It was agreed it should be a voluntary program. If the resolution is passed, direct deposit will be made part of the spec sent to the county banks for bid at the first of the year. Logsdon made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2007-15 giving Spencer County employees the option to use direct deposit. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Christmas Lake Village Property Owners Association

Jim Davidson and Mark Kroeger presented a proposal to the commissioners from the Christmas Lake Village Property Owners Association to purchase county owned lots of their choosing at a second commissioner's sale. The Association also requests that the lots be reassessed. Lueken explained the process of the commissioner's sale and questioned why the association would not purchase all of the lots. Davidson explained that some of the lots are not buildable lots. Logsdon asked about the possibility of the non-buildable lots being made part of the common property of the subdivision. Davidson said the Association would have to negotiate with the Town of Santa Claus to see if they will waive the vacant lot sewer fee if they were made common property. Davidson and Kroeger will talk with the Association and report back to the commissioners.

Health Screening

Perry County Hospital sent the agreement for the health screenings for the commissioners to sign. Logsdon made a motion to sign the agreement for Perry County Hospital to provide health screenings for individuals insured under county health insurance for \$25.20 per person. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

Courthouse Water Valves

Rininger stated that King has pointed out that the water valves in the basement are 60 years old and are in need of replacement. The estimate for the work is \$3,875 and there is money in left in the budget for the work.

Legal Services Additional

Lueken explained that the money budgeted for legal services has been depleted. He estimates that \$5,000 should be enough to finish the year. Logsdon made a motion to request an additional of \$5,000. Gogel seconded. All in favor.

IACC

Rininger reminded the board that the Indiana Association of County Commissioners is coming up.

Release of Bond

The county was notified that Foertsch Construction Co., Inc. filed a request with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for release of a performance bond. No action of the board is needed.

Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Painter reported that he spoke with INDOT regarding CR 2000 N west of Dale as an unofficial detour. It was agreed that the county would patch the road for now to get it though the winter and then in the spring go back through and mark it with paint for them to come back, inspect and have it resurfaced.

Rininger stated that several pot holes have developed on Barnett Road. Painter stated that they will have the Dura-patcher out in the next week.

Rininger also mentioned that the bridge west of the square in Hatfield has rip rap and other debris built up under it and needs to be cleaned out. Painter stated that kids keep building up a dam.

Logsdon stated that a farmer on 600 E North of Interstate 64 spoke with the Dubois County Highway Department and he was told that if Spencer County provided the material then they would chip and seal the road. Painter stated that there is an agreement with Dubois County that they will maintain Spencer County roads which are north of the interstate.

Engineer Report

Engineer Lloyd stated that she checked with NES and there is a blue reflective tape made which would work for marking the fire hydrants as Luce Township Trustee Rapp has asked. She will continue to look into the cost to see if it is cost efficient.

Lloyd stated that David Lauer of URL spoke with the two remaining land owners to sign easements along the Orchard Road project and both told him they would sign and mail the agreements.

Legal Report

Lueken suggested that the original agreement that was made with Dubois County regarding maintaining roads needs to be updated with the current 911 road labels.

Spencer County Public Safety Building

EMA Director Perdue stated that Lisa Gehlhausen of Indiana 15 strongly recommends that the county resubmit their application for the Homeland Security Grant for the Spencer County Public Safety Building. The deadline for submitting the application is December 31<sup>st</sup>. There would be no additional costs to re-apply.

Logsdon stated that it should be discussed with the council.

Joint Long Range Building Planning

A joint commissioner and council meeting will be held on November 20<sup>th</sup> between the next regularly scheduled commissioners meeting and council meeting.

Logsdon suggested that a separate committee be set up with 1 commissioner and 3 councilmen to discuss the future funding of the building.

Old Jail

Logsdon asked if anything has been heard about the status of the old jail and The Way. Discussion was had regarding zoning requirements. Prosecutor Dartt said an inspector has gone through the building but he was not aware of the results. Logsdon stated that if The Way is not going to use it then the building may be suitable for county storage needs. Perdue stated the EMA has the boat stored in a building that is about to be torn down.

Community Corrections

Prosecutor Dartt presented the board with a copy of the Community Corrections Grant Application, the Community Corrections Contract, and a summary of the preliminary proposed budget. If the commissioners approve the contract then the funding would begin in four to six weeks. Logsdon asked what the potential cost could be from the county. Dartt stated that there is not a county match required right now. Later if required it could be an in kind match. County expenditures should not increase. Dartt explained that the program will be county run and county controlled; if it does not seem to be a good fit for the county, it can be stopped. Logsdon asked if the program would be for Spencer County residents only. Deputy Prosecutor Wilkinson stated that would be the primary focus, but if there is room we can accept prisoners from other counties and they will pay our fees. Logsdon asked if Judge Roell and Sheriff Lindsey are in favor of the program. Dartt said yes. Rininger asked if the commissioners could have quarterly progress reports. Dartt stated that the grant requires monthly reports, so those can also be sent to the commissioners. Logsdon made a motion to approve the Community Corrections Contract. Gogel seconded. All in favor. Dartt stated that the next meeting of the Community Corrections Board will be on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the commissioners' room.

Gogel made a motion to adjourn. Logsdon seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Board of Commissioners,

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President

Attest:

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Cindy Shelton, Auditor

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